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REMARKS

The examiner will now appreciate that the claims have been amended to more clearly highlight the usefulness and applicability of the invention to bobbin-style electrochemical cells. Notably, such bobbin-style cells are typically much larger than the button cell style disclosed in Riedl and, as will be appreciated by those skilled in the art, this increased size accentuates the required radial crimping forces, as well as the problems inherent thereto. Consequently, one of ordinary skill in the art would have no motivation to look to the teachings of Riedl in considering the non-crimped closure now claimed by the applicant. Of equal importance, it should also be noted that Riedl fails to teach or suggest a current collector embedded at one end by one of the electrodes of the cell, nor does Riedl teach or suggest a construction wherein the side wall of the can is exposed to adhesive only on its exterior, with the interior wall being in contact with the other electrode in the cell.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant submits that the case is now in condition for allowance and such action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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